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Ms. Mary A. Gade, Regional Administrator  
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency  
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Dear Ms. Gade:

The Michigan Department of Environmental Quality (MDEQ) would like to extend its thanks to you and Mr. Ralph Dollhopf for meeting with us on January 15, 2008, to discuss the direction of the investigation and cleanup of the Tittabawassee River, Saginaw River, Saginaw Bay, and the Midland area.

As discussed during our meeting, the MDEQ and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (U.S. EPA) are in agreement that this work should be conducted under the federal Resource Conservation and Recovery Act and Part 111, Hazardous Waste Management, of Michigan's Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act, 1994 PA 451, as amended, with the U.S. EPA providing support by requiring additional federal Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act removal actions and other technical assistance, as necessary.

As indicated in our letter of December 13, 2007, it is in the public's best interest for us to work together to ensure that this large and complex site of environmental contamination is thoroughly, completely, and finally remediated. The MDEQ looks forward to continuing our partnership with the U.S. EPA to bring this to fruition.

Sincerely,

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Director  
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cc: Mr. Ralph Dollhopf, U.S. EPA, Region 5  
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